

**Town of Amherst
Planning Commission Minutes
November 1, 2006**

A meeting of the Town of Amherst Planning Commission was called to order by Chairperson June Driskill in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall at 7:30 PM on November 1, 2006.

It was noted that a quorum was present as indicated below:

A Jason Campbell	P William Jones
P June Driskill	P Steve LaBar
A Lyle Garrette	P Richard Wydner
P William Hathaway	

Town Attorney Tom Berry and Town Manager Jack Hobbs, in his capacity as Secretary to the Commission, were present.

A duly advertised public hearing on the Commission's proposal to amend the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance was opened at 7:34 PM.

Gary Jennings came forward to discuss the location of the proposed Central Business District boundaries along U.S. Route 60 and the inclusion of dwellings in the downtown area. He asked that his Lot 96A4-A-172 at the traffic circle be included in the new zone. He also discussed the setback requirements for townhouses as outlined in Section 18.1-912, outdoor lighting regulations proposed in Section 18.1-921 and proposed amendments to zoning fees found in Section 18.1-1009.

Charles Brown came forward to discuss the potential impact of the proposed Central Business District on W. Court Street.

Paul Kilgore came forward to inquire about the need and costs associated with traffic impact studies proposed in Section 18.1-919.

There being no one else present who wished to speak, the hearing was closed at 8:00 PM.

A duly advertised public hearing on the Commission's proposal to rezone property in the downtown area to Central Business District was opened at 8:02 PM.

Paul Kilgore came forward to request that Lot 96A4-A-172 at the traffic circle be included in the proposed Central Business District.

Charles Brown came forward to request that the Amherst Inn lot (96A4-A-173) be included in the Central Business District. The

proposed setback requirement for the Central Business District was discussed.

There being no one else present who wished to speak, the hearing was closed at 8:08 PM.

The minutes of the October 4, 2006 Commission meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Wydner, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried 5-0 according to the following:

Jason Campbell	Absent	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Richard Wydner	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye		

The Secretary reported that VDOT's presentation on the Ambriar study should be ready for the December meeting.

The Secretary reported that the Commission has been invited to a Downtown Revitalization Study Project focus group session to be held at 6:00 PM on November 8 in the Council Chambers.

The Secretary reported that the Town Council has indicated that it would consider a proposal to develop an updated comprehensive plan and that Commissioners Driskill and Campbell have asked to work with the Planning District Commission to develop this.

The Commission discussed the 100% reserve drainfield requirement recently imposed by Amherst County and its applicability to Town development.

Mr. Wydner asked about the status of the requested VDOT speed study in front of the new Amherst Baptist Church site on U.S. Route 60 West.

There being no further business, Mr. Campbell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Wydner and carried 5-0 according to the following to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM:

Jason Campbell	Absent	William Jones	Aye
June Driskill	Aye	Steve LaBar	Aye
Lyle Garrette	Absent	Richard Wydner	Aye
William Hathaway	Aye		

June Driskill, Chairperson

Attest: _____